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## AID-UPDATE SERVICE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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A plan for offering SDI (Selective Dissemination of Information) to developing countries was implemented November 1979 with the establishment in the National Agricultural Library Building of a service known as AID-UPDATE. Working under a contract funded by the Agency for International Development (AID), the author set up procedures for offering to AID personnel the same Current Awareness Literature Service (CALS) that had been available for ten years to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) scientists and other personnel.

USDA's CALS is a Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI) service developed by Hilary Burton, Leader, Systems Information Services, TIS, in the early 1970's for the Agricultural Research Service and incorporated into the USDA's Technical Information Systems (successor to the National Agricultural Library) in 1979. Lida Allen, Director of the Office of Development Information and Utilization, AID, perceived CALS service as an effective means of bringing new agricultural research to the attention of AID personnel in developing countries. Funds were dedicated for the NAL-AID Liaison Office and its AID-UPDATE activities.

### DATABASES USED

Most of the requests for SDI service are purely agricultural, and the nine data bases used in CALS are more than adequate for this purpose. They are:

*AGRICOLA (formerly CAIN)*  
*Biological Abstracts (two data bases)*  
*Chemical Abstracts*  
*Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux (CAB)*  
*Engineering Index*  
*Food Science and Technology Abstracts (FSTA)*  
*National Technical Information Service (NTIS)*  
*World Textile Abstracts (WTA)*

All searches are put into *AGRICOLA*, and many also into *Biological Abstracts* or

*CAB*, or both. Pest management problems invite use of *Chemical Abstracts*.

*Engineering Index* is useful for energy and agricultural engineering. *NTIS* is useful for a variety of technical searches. *FSTA* and *WTA* are used as their names would indicate.

SDI service is sought commercially from data bases not available through CALS. Among those used are *CRIS*, *MED-LARS*, *Tropical Agriculture*, *Smithsonian Science Information Exchange (SSIE)*, *Enviroline*, *Energyline*, *ERIC*, *Library and Information Science Abstracts (LISA)*, and others.

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Retrospective online and/or offline searches frequently precede formulation of the final SDI profile. These are usually sent to the SDI requester after being analyzed for the contributions to improved terminology and strategy that prompted their execution.

### DOCUMENT DELIVERY

From the beginning, document delivery was seen as an element critical to the success of the project. The initial plan provided that CALS searches go to requesters, who would then review the citations and be able to ask for and receive copies of the documents they required. A substantial portion of the funds was set aside for photocopying.

Detailed procedures have been worked out to augment the initial plan. The recipient of the SDI search is permitted to return the search, indicating on it by checkmarks the citations he wants photocopied, signing it, and mailing it back to AID-UPDATE. These photocopy requests are processed daily. Promptness in the handling of photocopy requests is the principal way of being supportive of the users of the service and procedures have been geared to achieving speedy document delivery. In spite of this goal, delays inevitably occur.

The first group of delays (those occurring during the processing of orders by AID-UPDATE staff) is represented by document requests submitted without NAL call numbers. These must be looked up individually. Many documents turn out not to be owned by Technical Information Systems and orders must be placed for photocopies and interlibrary loans with libraries, publishers, and other suppliers. Whenever photocopies are not available through TIS, the order is diverted to a "Delay" category, the requester is

notified of the source from which the documents are to be expected, and the effort to obtain the document through alternative sources gets under way. In cases where the alternative procedure (interlibrary loan, for example) is routinized, a document may arrive as promptly as a photocopy would have.

One of the most common reasons for invoking alternative procedures is the need to avoid copyright infringement. Where purchase of the document is the only alternative, budget problems necessitate seeking a letter from the requester justifying his need. For example, (if photocopies are not available from TIS), we make an effort to provide documents originally published overseas in the country from which the request is received, only after requesting a letter of justification from the requester.

A second group of opportunities for delay presents itself after requests are turned over to the TIS Lending Branch (for the pulling of the volumes from the stack and the actual photocopying). The most common of these is represented by the "not-on-shelf" problem, familiar to all librarians, except the legendary nineteenth century Harvard librarian who gloried in the excellent health of his library ("only one book is out and I'm on my way to retrieve it"). "Not-on-shelf" requires facing the choice of waiting a few days for a magic reappearance or instigating immediate efforts to obtain the document from another library. Fragile documents and those bound too tightly to permit photocopying account for other delays. Still others are represented by errors on the part of AID-UPDATE staff in supplying call numbers, as, for example, in cases when periodicals have identical titles; errors in database printouts occur occasionally, especially inadequacy of pagination information.

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## PUBLICIZING THE SERVICE

The availability of the service was first publicized in February 1980 when a preliminary announcement was sent to AID scientists working in the Washington, D.C. area. The recipients of the announcement were asked to fill out a one-page form indicating the subject matter of the proposed search and to include key terminology, one or two already located citations, and other relevant information. A high percentage of the requests for service are received by telephone or as letters. Although printed forms have been devised for many communications, efforts to bypass such procedures are received as cheerfully as if the procedure did not exist. Telephone requests are specially encouraged, because of the opportunity for verbal give and take.

The service has gradually grown. About 400 profiles are currently running in separate data bases. The AID funded program has been intended as a two-year demonstration of SDI service in the field of agricultural development. The ultimate recipients of the service were seen initially as AID agricultural

officers attached to the missions, AID agriculturists working in the Washington area, and foreign agriculturists working with the missions. The service has been extended to numerous American scientists in the overseas AID missions, and to a somewhat smaller number in the Washington area, but the third category (foreign agriculturists who are being assisted by the overseas missions) is very difficult to reach.

One of the priorities of the demonstration's second year will include efforts to make the service better known. These efforts will also include publicizing the service in periodicals read by agricultural librarians who are in a position to advise potential users of the availability of the service.

We hope to avoid the frustrations of the WHO MEDLARS Centre in its efforts to serve a potential community of users. Rolf Weitzel in "MEDLINE Services to the Developing Countries," (*Bull. Med. Libr. Assoc.* 64(1) Jan. 1976, p. 32) writes:

"It was obvious that only a minor percentage of the promotional effort would result in recruiting active MEDLINE users. There can be no doubt that by far the most effective method of promoting an information retrieval system is by demonstration possibly backed up by audiovisual aids. Remote promotion, by letter and leaflet, would meet with a low response anywhere. Among the technologically unsophisticated user population for whom the program was intended, the message was frequently not understood and the benefits that could be derived from the services offered were not recognized. This had been expected. In fact, a higher response rate would have faced the centre's staff with a quantity of requests which it would, during this early phase, have been unable to handle.

"There is less reason to be satisfied with the results of the semantic effort made. It proved that the care taken in phrasing the promotional texts had nevertheless been insufficient. From the reactions received at the centre it became evident that numerous misunderstandings existed regarding the nature, scope, and coverage of the system. Frequently MEDLINE was understood to be a data bank storing factual information such as statistical data or it was seen purely as a photocopy supply service. These misunderstandings have been carefully analyzed and taken into consideration for the preparation of a revised set of promotional material."



# THE THOR DECISION AND ITS IMPACT ON THE PUBLISHING INDUSTRY, LIBRARIES AND EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

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A Supreme Court decision in an obscure tax case in January, 1979, will have an enormous impact on publishers and consequently on libraries and all educational institutions unless the Congress can be persuaded to act early during its next session. The case is the Thor Power Tool Co. vs. Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Professional publishers, those who provide scholarly works and textbooks to libraries and educational institutions, are most severely affected by the Thor decision.

Simply put, the court upheld an IRS decision against Thor which denied it the practice of depreciating its warehoused parts for tax purposes without reducing appropriately the selling price of the replacement parts. It has been a generally accepted accounting principle for various industries which carry spare and component parts to write down these inventories to avoid misleading investors and creditors, and because of the tax advantage that was obtained from this practice. The publishing industry has in general followed the same practice.

It is an especially widespread practice among publishers of scholarly, technical and scientific works, and among textbook publishers because it makes it possible for the publisher to carry inventories on slow, but essential works over many years. In a sense, the publishers act as a secondary warehouse for libraries, universities, and school systems, allowing them to purchase books on demand rather than on the date of publication. Also, many school system contracts for textbooks require the publisher to print a fixed number

of copies of a text, deliver a part of the edition and hold the remainder in its inventory against future needs with no guarantee that they will ever be purchased. Thus, an established system which is a backup resource to libraries and school systems rests on what was an accepted accounting practice before Thor.

But this isn't all. While the Supreme Court ruled on Thor in 1979, IRS did not issue regulations based on the decision until February 1980 (Revenue Ruling 80-60). It then made the regulations retroactive to 1979 (Revenue Procedure 80-5), and gave publishers until September 15, 1980, to comply.

The American Association of Publishers (AAP), of course, has actively been trying to get relief from Congress on two of the consequences of the Thor decision: (1) the retroactive IRS ruling, and (2) the decision itself as it applies to the publishing industry.

Attempts by Senator Gaylord Nelson (D., Wis.) and Representative Barber Conable (R., N.Y.) to obtain relief for the publishers on the retroactive procedure of the IRS ruling failed to be acted on since it was included in the general \$39 billion tax relief proposal which was never acted upon. A proposal to provide a refund for taxes on books, maps, sheet music, monographs and periodicals was reported out by the Senate Finance Committee subsequent to the election. It was attached to a miscellaneous House-passed bill, H. R. 3755, but was not called up for consideration by the Senate and thus died with the 96th Congress. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D., N.Y.) led this effort.

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The consequences of the Thor decision on the publishing industry, libraries and educational institutions could mean (1) sale of the books at less than cost; (2) scraping the books physically. The first action cannot be taken to any significant degree even if the publishers were willing to make the sacrifice because there is no remainder market of any consequence for most of the material which they would want to sell. Also, recall that many school contracts prohibit this practice.

The second action, which is the likely step that most of the publishers will have to take as a matter of self-preservation, will raise havoc with the already hard pressed scholarly and textbook publishing business. Some of the consequences will be fewer titles, smaller printings, and higher unit costs. Every publishing decision will have to be an economic one based solely on cost, selling price, and the number of copies that can be sold immediately. Such considerations as social value and quality will become very minor factors in the decision process.

It is proverbial that "every cloud must have a silver lining." The Thor decision should remind many who seem to have forgotten how closely the fortunes of the publishing industry, the libraries and the educational institutions of the United States are tied together. ☒

#### GARDENING SURVEY

Gardens for All has a few dozen extra copies of the 1979 National Gardening Survey conducted by The Gallup Organization, Inc. This 180-page report sold for \$125 last year. It is available to libraries and other interested nonprofit groups for \$3.00, to cover cost of postage and handling.

#### TIS VIDEOTAPE AVAILABLE: "THE INFORMATION CYCLE"

Technical Information Systems is pleased to announce the availability of a 20-minute color videotape describing its information systems and services.

The videotape, called "The Information Cycle," presents and describes AGRICOLA (Agricultural Online Access) and CRIS (Current Research Information System) data bases, the Current Awareness Literature Service (CALIS), the Food and Nutrition Information Services (FNIC), and the document delivery systems of Technical Information Systems. The tape includes a brief overview of the evolution of the National Agricultural Library into the Technical Information Systems as well.


"The Information Cycle" was professionally produced, photographed, and edited to present a quick and comprehensive overview of Technical Information Systems, what it is, and how it can help you in your work.

Copies of the tape, in 3/4" cassette, are available for loan from: Educational Resources Division, Training and Education Branch, USDA Technical Information Systems, Room 408, NAL Building, Beltsville, MD 20705; Attention: David Hoyt. ☒


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


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#### COURSES ON TIS INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND SERVICES

The Educational Resources Division of the Technical Information Systems is planning to conduct several intensive, five-day introductory workshops in 1981 to train librarians and information specialists in the efficient use of TIS's information systems and services.

As presently planned the workshops will emphasize online access to the CRIS (Current Research Information System) and AGRICOLA (AGRICultural Online Access) data bases, as well as profiling for CALS (Current Awareness Literature service). The topics covered will include online systems access, Boolean logic, search strategy formulation, efficient data base searching techniques, and basic proficiency in the searching of CRIS and AGRICOLA. Profiling experience for the provision of CALS service will also be included. The courses will begin with an overview of TIS services and an introduction to information retrieval through the Lockheed Dialog system. No prior experience with online retrieval will be expected of participants.

A function of Educational Resources Division is to conduct seminars such as these, and provide other educational services and products. It is now also planning several advanced level data base classes. Comments as to the structure, content, and location of these courses are welcomed and will be carefully considered. If you are interested in sponsoring an online seminar at your institution, please call or write David Hoyt, Educational Resources Division, Technical Information Systems, Room 40B, NAL Building, Beltsville, MD 20705, (301-344-3937). 



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May 5-8: *Horticultural Libraries. 18th Annual Meeting.* San Francisco, Calif. Contact: Jane Gates, Librn., Strybing Arboretum Society, 9th Avenue at Lincoln Way, San Francisco, CA 94122. Telephone: (415) 661-1316.


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May 31-June 4: *American Society of Biological Chemists.* St. Louis, Mo. Contact: S.K. Herlitz Inc., 850 Third Ave., New York, NY 10022.

June 15-24: *XIV International Grassland Congress.* University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. Contact: John E. Baylor, Agricultural Science Center, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40546.

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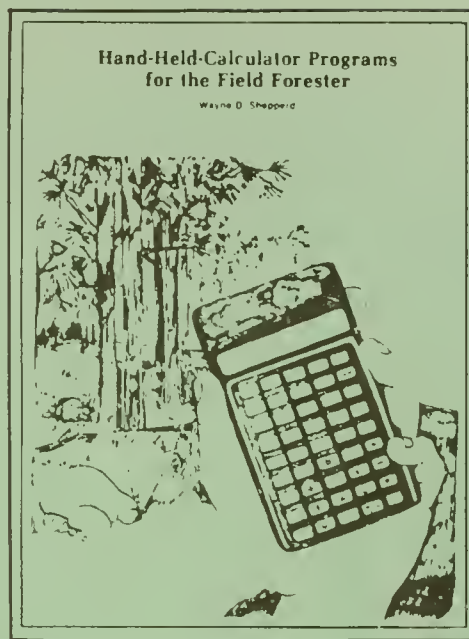
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The popularity of hand-held program-mable calculators for field use is increasing. They are small, inexpensive, easy to use, and rugged enough for outdoor use. Some models can store and execute programs containing over 2,000 steps.

A new report is now available that describes various programs designed to help foresters use hand-held, program-mable calculators to gather and analyze data in field situations. Programs are presented which perform: slope to horizontal distance conversions; basal area computation; tree height determinations; adequacy of sample test; multispecies board foot volumes; basal area factor gauge calibration; limiting distance; scaling of aerial photos; calculations for variable plot cruising and variable plot cruising summaries.

Programs described are written in outline form and are not specific to any particular brand of calculator. However, a calculator with 200 or more program steps is desirable. The programs are presented in order of complexity, so the user is gradually introduced to the more advanced programming techniques.




Request "Hand-Held-Calculator Programs for the Field Forester" General Technical Report RM-76-FR24, by Wayne D. Sheppard from Rocky Mountain Forestry Station 240 W. Prospect St., Fort Collins, CO 80521. Free.

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END OF AN ERA

Grand River, Iowa, has a spanking new one-party dial telephone system. An article in the *Des Moines Sunday Register* December 7, 1980, describes the end of the last hand-crank magneto-telephone system in Iowa and installation of an ultra-modern dial system with a computer digital switch system.


The change was brought about by increasing pressure from residents, the Iowa Commerce Commission, uncertain financing of the old system, and difficulty in locating replacement parts. The people of Grand River agree that it will be nice to have a faster, efficient dial system, but they will miss the little extras: the personal services, the communication of community news through line calls, and the rallying of neighbors to meet emergencies. 



*Gasohol Information Service*

G. V. Associates, in response to the "growing interest in alcohol fuels and the president's proposal for an expanded gasohol program," has initiated Gasohol Information Service. Special reports and monthly updating services offered.

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